

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the text of original Abstract of the Disclosure section with the following amended paragraph:

A ~~arterial~~ vascular closure device ~~for use~~ used following ~~coronary~~ catheterization procedures to close in closing arterial access openings ~~through the arterial~~ in vessel walls while permitting post-operative flow through the ~~artery~~ vessel includes a housing ~~having proximal and distal ends, and defining a longitudinal axis, first and second arterial~~ at least two tissue ~~everting~~ engaging members mounted ~~adjacent the distal end of the housing, and first and second~~ at least two jaw members mounted adjacent the ~~first and second tissue engaging members.~~ The ~~first and second arterial~~ tissue ~~everting~~ engaging members are dimensioned for at least partial positioning within the arterial access opening in the arterial wall and are deployable in at least a radial outward direction relative to the longitudinal axis of the housing to engage ~~respective opposed~~ arterial tissue portions on ~~opposed~~ opposite sides of the vessel opening and move the tissue ~~arterial~~ portions to an ~~everted condition thereof~~ a desired, predetermined position. The ~~first and second~~ jaw members are adapted, in an open position, for relative movement ~~between an open position to facilitate~~ for positioning about the ~~arterial~~ tissue portions in the ~~everted condition~~ predetermined position, and in a closed position, to at least partially draw the ~~arterial~~ tissue portions together to an at least partially approximated condition. An ~~electrode~~ attachment member is associated with at least one of the ~~first and second~~ jaw members and arranged to contact the ~~respective arterial~~ tissue portions. In one embodiment, The electrode the attachment member is adapted [[to be]] for connect~~[[ed]]~~ion to an ~~radiofrequency~~ energy source whereby energy is transmitted

through the ~~electrode~~ attachment member to thermally fuse the ~~arterial~~ tissue positions
between engaged by the ~~first and second~~ jaw members to substantially close the opening.
~~Preferably, an electrode is associated with each of the first and second jaw members.~~
~~Each electrode may be configured as a bipolar electrode.~~